

Amendment  
USSN 10/070/362

**REMARKS**

In the Office action mailed February 24, 2004, the examiner stated an election of species requirement, in response to which applicant elected the species of Figs. 3 and 4, with traverse. The claims readable on the elected species were claims 9-13. Claims 14 and 15 should be dependent on claim 9, the only independent claim in the case. The typographical error in claim 14 has now been corrected, such that it now properly depends from claim 9.

Since claims 14 and 15 now depend from an allowable elected claim, allowance of those claims along with the parent claim is respectfully requested.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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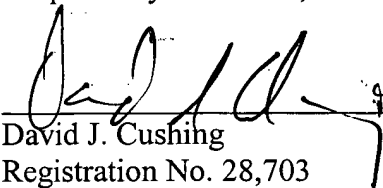
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